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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated August 4, 2006.

Claim Amendments

Claims 25 and 37 have been amended to specify "a plurality of tags each tag containing coded data indicative of an identity of the document and a location of the tag on the document". Basis for these amendments can be found at page 10, lines 7-8; page 14, lines 14-15; as well as numerous other references to the tags and their function throughout the specification.

Claim 35 has been cancelled, and references thereto in the dependent claims deleted.

Claims 37 and 43 have been amended in line with claim 25.

The term "such as" has been deleted from claim 37. Claim 42 has been amended to remove the lack of antecedence basis for "ticket or coupon".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

It is submitted that all rejections under 35 USC 112 have been addressed by amendment to the claims:

The term "reference point" has been removed and replaced with "tag" as defined in the specification.

The term "such as" has been removed from claim 37 and claim 42 has been amended to remove the lack of antecedence basis for "ticket or coupon".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

With the amendments to the main independent claims, the Applicant submits that the present invention is not anticipated by Izawa. In particular, it is submitted that Izawa's barcodes do not read onto the Applicant's tags as defined in claim 1.

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Neither does Izawa's computer system receive data identifying the document identity and a position of the sensing device on the document. The individual bars in barcodes do not yield information regarding a position of the sensing device reading the barcode; rather, the bars when read together yield a document identity.

With the clarifying amendments to claims, it is submitted that all rejections based on the teaching of Izawa are now moot.

Double Patenting

Claim 35 has been cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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